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COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES

RE:

Test Claim 02-TC-04, City of Newport Beach, Claimant Crime Statistic Reports for the Department of Justice

Dear Ms. Higashi:

The California Department of Justice (DOJ) hereby requests an extension of time to submit comments on Test Claim 02-TC-04, of which it received notice pursuant to your letter dated September 27, 2002.

DOJ staff have conducted a preliminary review of the Test Claim, which includes thirteen different statutes and two DOJ programs, and of the issues on which the Commission has provided DOJ with the opportunity to comment. Staff have determined that a comprehensive response to all of the issues with respect to each of the statutes and programs can be completed and filed with the Commission by January 27, 2003.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that DOJ be granted an extension of time until January 27, 2003, to file comments for consideration by the Commission before ruling on the Test Claim.

Sincerely,

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